THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that 142 mandals in 7 districts have been declared as drought affected by the State Government in March, 2001.

It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake necessary measure in the wake of natural calamities. During 2001-2002, Central share of Calamity Relief Fund amounting to Rs. 77.99 crore has been released to the State for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities. The State Government has reportedly spent Rs. 8.38 crore for creating wage employment and released Rs. 25.00 crore for providing drinking water. The other steps taken to combat the situation include preparation of district/mandal level contingency plans, crops strategies and bringing to the notice of the farmers the contingency plans and alternate crops to be taken up, through meetings, distribution of pamphlets etc.

Drought in States

637. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many parts of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, etc. were affected by severe drought conditions during the current calendar year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the losses suffered by each State in terms of human lives, livestock, crops, revenue, etc.;

(d) whether any starvation death took place in drought-hit areas; if so, the details thereof;

(e) the Central assistance provided to each State; and

(f) whether special package is in the offing for these States; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Parts of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orrissa and Rajasthan were facing drought like situation. One

district in Uttranchal was facing water scarcity conditions. Parts of Andhra Pradesh have been reportedly affected by drought this year.

(c) State-wise details of number of districts, human & cattle population and crop area affected is indicated in the Statement (*See* below)

(d) No report on deaths due to starvation have been received.

(e) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance from National Calamity Contigency Fund (NCCF) amountig to Rs. 40.00 crore to Chhattisgarh, Rs. 85.00 crore to Gujarat, Rs. 18.98 crore to Himachal Pradesh, Rs. 23.20 crore to Jammu & Kashmir, Rs. 35.00 crore to Madhya Pradesh, Rs.35.00 crore to Orissa and Rs. 85.00 crore to Rajasthan have been released. Further assistance from NCCF amounting to Rs. 18.94 crore to Chhattisgarh, Rs. 27.00 crore to Gujarat, Rs. 22.72 crore to Madhya Pradesh, Rs. 14.62 crore to Orissa and Rs. 28.97 crore to Rajasthan have been approved.

(f) No, Sir.

Statement

State-wise details of number of Districts, Human and Cattle population and cropped area affected by drought.

State	Districts affected (Nos.)	Population affected		Cropped area affected (lakh ha.)
		Human (in lakhs)	Cattle	
Andhra Pradesh	7	NR	NR	NR
Chhattisgarh	12	94.08	32.40	11.36
Gujarat	23	291.00	107.00	13.50
Himachal Pradesh	12	46.64	NR	0.88
Jammu & Kashmir	15	NR	37.98	4.00
Karnataka	18	55.01	28.71	16.22
Madhya Pradesh	32	127.10	85.78	39.52
Maharshtra	26	454.99	2.58	45.00
Orissa	28	119.50	65.54	11.00
Rajasthan	31	330.41	399.69	89.47